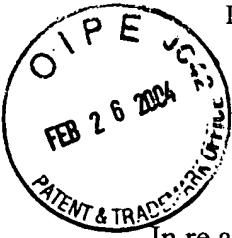


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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment, being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision, the decision being dated January 20, 2004. The period for reply to the decision is set to expire on March 20, 2004. The fee for an additional one (1) independent claim in the amount of eighty-six dollars (\$86.00 US) is being filed herewith. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Amendments to the claims may be found under the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Entry of the amendment below and consideration of the remarks that follow is
respectfully requested.